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Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1-36 (Cancelled)

37. (Currently Amended) A multi-stage method of using a multi-stage ~~tricycle~~ including a front with at least one rotatable wheel, a rear with ~~opposite rotatable wheels~~ at least one rotatable wheel, pedals to pedal the ~~tricycle~~, and a seat; an arcuate bottom rack including a front and a rear rotatably coupled to the rear of the ~~tricycle~~, wherein said multi-stage ~~tricycle~~ includes a first stage where said arcuate bottom rack is rotated below said ~~tricycle~~, bows downward, contacts the ground and supports said ~~tricycle~~ for rocking movement of the ~~tricycle~~ by a child on the ~~tricycle~~, a second stage where said arcuate bottom rack is rotated and erected behind said ~~tricycle~~, does not support said ~~tricycle~~ and said arcuate bottom rack forms a push handle for pushing a child on the ~~tricycle~~, and a third stage where said arcuate bottom rack is separated from the ~~tricycle~~ for normal pedaling and ~~tricycle~~ operation by a child on the ~~tricycle~~; and further including a lock to lock the front of the ~~tricycle~~ to the front of the arcuate bottom rack when said multi-stage ~~tricycle~~ is in said first stage, the method including:

providing the multi-stage ~~tricycle~~ in a first stage for a child by rotating said arcuate bottom rack below said ~~tricycle~~ so that the arcuate bottom rack bows downward, contacts the ground and supports said ~~tricycle~~ and the child rocking the ~~tricycle~~ back and forth in the first stage;

providing the multi-stage ~~tricycle~~ in a second stage for a child by rotating and erecting the arcuate bottom rack behind said ~~tricycle~~ so that the arcuate bottom rack does not support said ~~tricycle~~ and forms a push handle and pushing the child on the ~~tricycle~~ with the push handle;

providing the multi-stage ~~tricycle~~ in a third stage for a child by detaching the arcuate bottom rack from the ~~tricycle~~ and the child pedaling the ~~tricycle~~.

38. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37, further including a lock to lock the front of the ~~tricycle~~ to the front of the arcuate bottom rack when said multi-stage ~~tricycle~~ is in said first

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stage, and the method further including locking the front of the ~~tricycle~~ to the front of the arcuate bottom rack with said lock when said multi-stage ~~tricycle~~ is in said first stage.

39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37, further including a lock to lock said arcuate bottom rack erected behind said ~~tricycle~~ to form said push handle when said multi-stage ~~tricycle~~ is in said second stage, said arcuate bottom rack and said rear of said ~~tricycle~~ including holes that align when said arcuate bottom rack is erected behind said ~~tricycle~~ in said second stage, and said lock including an insertion pin slidably removable within the aligned holes of the arcuate bottom rack and the rear frames in a lateral direction, and the method further including locking said arcuate bottom rack in an erect position behind said ~~tricycle~~ to form said push handle when said multi-stage ~~tricycle~~ is in said second stage by slidably inserting said insertion pin in a lateral direction within the aligned holes of the arcuate bottom rack and the rear of the ~~tricycle~~.

40. (Original) The method of claim 37, wherein said arcuate bottom rack widens progressing from the front to the rear of said arcuate bottom rack.

41. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37, wherein said arcuate bottom rack includes a back support when the arcuate bottom rack is erected behind said ~~tricycle~~ to form said push handle when said multi-stage ~~tricycle~~ is in said second stage, and the method further including the child resting back on the back support when said multi-stage ~~tricycle~~ is in said second stage.

42. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37, further including a rear axle that said ~~wheels~~ at least one rotatable wheel of the rear of the ~~tricycle~~ ~~are~~ is rotatably connected to, and the rear of the arcuate bottom rack is rotatably coupled to said ~~tricycle~~, around said rear axle.

43. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37, wherein said rear of the arcuate bottom rack is rotatably coupled to said ~~tricycle~~ inside said ~~wheels~~ at least one rotatable wheel of the rear of the ~~tricycle~~.

44. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 37, wherein said rear of the arcuate bottom rack is rotatably and detachably coupled to said ~~tricycle~~.